

House Joint Resolution 11 - Introduced

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa relating to an individual's right to
3 acquire, keep, possess, transport, carry, transfer, and use
4 arms.
5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended
4 by adding the following new section:

5 **Right to acquire, keep, possess, transport, carry, transfer,**
6 **and use arms.** SEC. 1A. The right of the people to keep and
7 bear arms, as herein expressed, shall not be infringed.

8 The right of an individual to acquire, keep, possess,
9 transport, carry, transfer, and use arms to defend life and
10 liberty and for all other legitimate purposes is fundamental
11 and shall not be infringed upon or denied. Mandatory
12 licensing, registration, or special taxation as a condition
13 of the exercise of this right is prohibited, and any other
14 restriction shall be subject to strict scrutiny.

15 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed
16 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred
17 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general
18 election for members of the general assembly and the secretary
19 of state is directed to cause the same to be published for
20 three consecutive months previous to the date of that election
21 as provided by law.

22 EXPLANATION

23 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
24 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

25 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
26 Constitution of the State of Iowa.

27 The joint resolution expresses that the right of an
28 individual to acquire, keep, possess, transport, carry,
29 transfer, and use arms to defend life and liberty and for all
30 other legitimate purposes is fundamental and shall not be
31 infringed or denied. The joint resolution also provides that
32 mandatory licensing, registration, or special taxation as a
33 condition of the exercise of this right is prohibited and any
34 other restriction shall be subject to strict scrutiny.

35 The joint resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the

1 next general assembly for adoption a second time before being
2 submitted to the electorate for ratification.